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**For: FLOOR COVERING, FLOOR PANEL AND SET OF FLOOR PANELS
FORMING SUCH FLOOR COVERING, AND METHODS FOR PACKAGING
AND MANUFACTURING SUCH FLOOR PANELS**

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A review of the Patent Publication No. 2004/0159066 A1 revealed that a scan error resulted in the incorrect specification, claims, abstract and drawings being published.

In particular, a certified copy of the translation of the 119(e) benefit provisional patent application (No. 60/438,781) was filed in this application on April 27, 2004. The translation was filed at the same time as the response to missing parts. Unfortunately, the document was improperly handled when scanned. A copy of the file wrapper contents as found on PAIR is attached.

The cover sheet of the translation was considered part of the "Oath or Declaration Filed". The remaining translation of the provisional application was classified as "Specification" and "Claim". As a result, the Office of Publications published the documents submitted on April 27, 2004 which relate to a specification of a provisional application and not the actual specification of the application that was submitted on January 9, 2004 and assigned application No. 10/753,453.

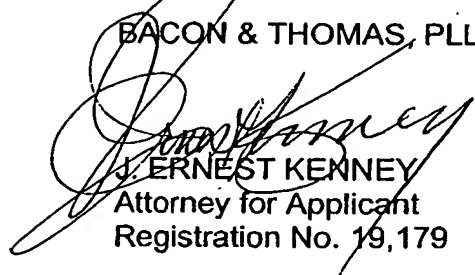
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Respectfully submitted,

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